

ROAD—WASHINGTON TO BUFFALO.
SURVEY—ROANOKE INLET, &c.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

Transmitting information in relation to

ROUTES FOR A NATIONAL ROAD

FROM

WASHINGTON CITY TO BUFFALO;

ALSO,

Information respecting the progress in fulfilment of the act of the last session of
Congress, authorizing

A SURVEY OF ROANOKE INLET AND SOUND.

DECEMBER 18, 1826.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

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DEPARTMENT OF WAR,

December 13, 1826.

SIR : I have the honor to transmit herewith a report from the Chief Engineer, of this date, and beg leave to refer to it as containing such information as can be furnished in relation to the objects of two resolutions which passed the House of Representatives yesterday ; one of them calling for the report relative to the examinations recently made "of the proposed routes of a National Road from the City of Washington to Buffalo," and the other calling for information respecting the progress made in fulfilment of the act of the last session of Congress, authorizing a Survey to be made of Roanoke Inlet and Sound.

I have the honor to be, sir, with great respect, your most obedient servant,

JAMES BARBOUR.

The Hon. JOHN W. TAYLOR,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ENGINEER DEPARTMENT,

December 13, 1826.

SIR : I have the honor to present the following report, in relation to your instructions to me to furnish the information called for by two resolutions which passed the House of Representatives yesterday ; one of them directing the Secretary of War "to communicate to the House the report of the Engineers appointed to examine the proposed routes of a National Road from the City of Washington to Buffalo in the State of New York," and the other directing the Secretary of War "to inform the House what progress has been made, under the act of the last session of Congress, appropriating one thousand dollars for the Survey of Roanoke Inlet and Sound, with a view of ascertaining the practicability of making a permanent ship channel between Albemarle Sound and the Atlantic Ocean, passed 20th of May last."

The report called for by the resolution first stated, has not yet been prepared, but is in the process of preparation, and will be presented as soon as it shall be received. From the progress which has been made in its preparation, it is believed it will be ready at a much earlier date than that which had been anticipated.

The progress which has been made in fulfilment of the object of an appropriation for defraying the expense of making a Survey of Roanoke Inlet and Sound, concerning which the resolution last stated calls for information, has, as yet, been very limited. It was stated in the annual report of this year, that a topographical brigade had been assigned to the fulfilment of that object, and that it was expected it

would be ready to proceed to North Carolina for that purpose within a fortnight. The last report received from Captain Bache, the officer who has the charge of that brigade, is dated the 1st inst. and states that he would leave Philadelphia in the course of that week for this place, on his way to North Carolina. He has not yet arrived, but it is presumed he is on his way.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. MACOMB.
Maj. Gen. Chief Eng.

The Hon. J. BARBOUR,
Secretary of War.